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REMARKS

1. Between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 12 July 1953, 7 Type-N microwave radio stations, 2 microwave radio stations, with extended antenna and camouflaged against aircraft; 4 x 76.2-mm AA guns, 6 guns, presumably 37-mm AA guns, and 5 trucks were in the yard of the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne in Rehagen. The guns and the seven microwave radio stations were ready to leave. About 50 to 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia were in the barracks yard.
2. On 14 July, at least 100 trucks and about 80 x 120-mm mortars were in the west section of the See Kaserne in Neuruppin. On 16 July, a duty roster at the bulletin board in the west section of the See Kaserne indicated reveille at 5 a.m., physical training from 5:30 a.m. to 5:50 a.m., roll call from 6 a.m. to 6:10 a.m., theoretical instruction from 6:15 a.m. to 8 a.m., breakfast from 8:10 a.m. to 8:50 a.m., training from 9 a.m. to 2:50 p.m., dinner from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., rest from 4 p.m. to 5:40 p.m., theoretical instruction from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., supper at 8 p.m., roll call at 9:15 p.m., and taps at 10 p.m.²
3. Troop trains observed on 16 July included:

a troop train carrying about 30 tanks, passing through Strausberg and proceeding toward Berlin, at 12:30 p.m.; a troop train carrying 30 T-34/85 tanks, including 2 trucks, 5 boxcarloads of troops, en route toward Berlin, at 3:30 p.m. and a train, which was unloaded at the Kaulsdorf railroad station at 5:20 p.m. The unloaded materiel included 15 T-34/85 tanks. They left for a wood camp of temporary buildings in the Biesdorf area.²

4. At 8:30 a.m. on 13 July, a train carrying 3 trucks towing 120-mm mortars; and including other flatcars with sideracks carrying trucks was seen at the Neuruppin railroad station; two jeeps and 8 trucks were at the loading ramp. the train was being loaded or unloaded. At 9 a.m. on 17 July, a train of 20 flatcars with sideracks carrying 20 SU-100 guns; 1 flatcar with sideracks carrying a field kitchen; and 2 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through the Radensleben railroad station, proceeding toward Neuruppin.²

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5. At 4 p.m. on 14 July, about 400 troops were seen in front of a quartering building in the Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde. Five trucks, [redacted] loaded with boxes, went toward the town. At 7:30 a.m., on 16 July, 32 tanks were entrained at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. Troops were seen at line construction on the Spechthausen-Melchow road. [redacted]

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6. Troop trains observed on 18 July included:

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a train of 20 to 25 boxcars occupied by troops and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 25 trucks [redacted] and 8 x 152-mm guns, which passed through the Brandenburg railroad station at 1:50 p.m., proceeding toward Kirchmooser; a train with a similar load, which passed through the Werder railroad station at 2:40 p.m., proceeding toward Brandenburg. A train, which was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The barracks installation is occupied as previously by elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The information confirms the known return movements from the Berlin area of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div, which were still under way on 17 July. The See Kaserne can again be carried as being occupied by the 220th Mort Regt of the division, although the number of mortars given [redacted] is overestimated by more than 100 percent.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The loadings of units of the 16th Gds Mecz Regt and the 93d Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in Bad Freienwalde [redacted] as well as the movements to the Kaulsdorf-Biesdorf area of these units. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. The troops seen at line construction on the road south of Eberswalde probably belonged to a signal unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.

5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] four shipments of units of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig were entrained in Wildpark [redacted] went to Altengrabow. [redacted]

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